

CONGRESSMAN OLVER ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION FOR SILVIO CONTE REFUGE LAND ACQUISITION

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WASHINGTON -- U.S. Representative John Olver (D-First District) announced today that the House has approved additional funding for the Conte Wildlife Refuge.

"I am very pleased that I was able to secure additional funding for the Conte Wildlife Refuge," Olver said.

The funding will enable the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to purchase additional land along the Connecticut River.

"Expanding the Refuge will build upon the efforts of the American Heritage River designation that was made in 1991," Olver said.

The Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge was established in 1991 through legislation signed by President George H.W. Bush.

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